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SUBJECT: GENERAL AMIN PRAISES BURUNDI FOR BREAKING
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER, SIMBANANIYE,
MAY 16, GENERAL AMIN PRAISED GRB DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL, RENEWED PLEDGE OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE IF BURUNDI NEEDS IT,
ATTACKED NYERERE AS AGENT OF IMPERIALISTS AND ISRAELIS, DISCLOSED HE
PLANS TO HEAD 100- MAN DELEGATION TO OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS, AND EX-
PRESSED CONCERN THAT FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KIBEDI MAY HAVE DIS-
CLOSED OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE SECRETS TO BRITISH AND TANZANIANS.
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END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS REPORT ON MEETING OF BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER,
SIMBANANIYE, WITH GENERAL AMIN AT NILE HOTEL, KAMPALA, MAY 16,
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PLAYED UP GRB' S DECISION TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL BECAUSE OF " ZIONIST COUNTRY' S INVOLVEMENT IN INVASION OF BURUNDI OVER WEEKEND BY REBELS." SIMBANANIYE REPORTEDLY TOLD AMIN-- WHOM HE THANKED FOR UGANDA' S SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY-- THAT REBELS WHO ATTACKED HIS COUNTRY FROM RWANDA AND TANZANIA WERE SUPPORTED BY BELGIUM, ISRAEL, TANZANIA AND RWANDA. AMIN CALLED BURUNDI HEROIC FOR BREAKING WITH ISRAEL. GENERAL ACCUSED TANZANIA OF " CONSTANT VIOLATION" OF OAU CHARTER, WHICH FORBIDS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER MEMBER STATE.

2. AMIN ASSURED SIMBANANIYE THAT IF BURUNDI IS ATTACKED UGANDA WILL BOMB THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED " FROM A DIRECTION THAT CAN FORCE THEM TO WITHDRAW THEIR FORCES FROM ATTACKING BURUNDI AND RUSH BACK TO DEFEND THEIR CAPITALS." HE NOTED BURUNDI BORDER WHERE ENEMY IS OPERATING IS WITHIN RANGE OF UGANDA' S FIGHTER BOMBERS. IF GRB NEEDS MILITARY ASSISTANCE, HE SAID, " TELL US THE NUMBER AND THEY WILL BE THERE IN NO TIME." HE SUGGESTED GRB ASK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES.

3. GENERAL LABELLED NYERERE AN AGENT OF THE IMPERIALISTS AND ISRAEL, AND CHARGED TANZANIA WITH SENDING SPIES INTO SISTER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR IMPERIALISTS AND ISRAELIS. PRESIDENT WARNED SIMBANANIYE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT HIS MOVEMENTS IN ADDIS ABABA BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION HE HAS RECEIVED, IMPERIALISTS ARE MOVING THERE IN LARGE NUMBERS AND COULD HARM REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS. AMIN DISCLOSED HE WILL HEAD A HUNDRED- MEMBER DELEGATION TO OAU SUMMIT IN ADDIS LATER THIS MONTH.

4. COMMENTING ON FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER KIBEDI' S " FLIGHT" TO ADDIS AFTER BEING ORDERED BY GOK TO LEAVE KENYA (KAMPALA 1672 NOTAL), AMIN SAID SO FAR AS HE KNOWS KIBEDI KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT UGANDA' S DEFENSE PLANS BECAUSE HE DISCUSSES THESE MATTERS WITH DEFENSE COUNCIL ONLY. GENERAL SAID HIS ONLY WORRY IS THAT KIBEDI, WHO IS NOW BEING USED AS TOOL BY IMPERIALISTS AND ZIONISTS, MAY HAVE DISCLOSED TO BRITISH AND TANZANIANS (SIC) SECRETS ABOUT PLANS OF OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE, OF WHICH HE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN IN KAMPALA AND ACCRA.

5. AMIN ISSUED ANOTHER WARNING ABOUT " ISRAELI THREATS TO AFRICA" AND ALSO ADVISED SIMBANANIYE AND MICOMBERO TO BEWARE OF THOSE UNCLASSIFIED

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PERSONS CLOSEST TO THEM FOR THEY MAY BE PLOTTING LEADERS' DOWNFALL.
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